

as a customer of a fine local internet service provider i am concerned that certain deregulatory actions being entertained may affect small local isp's ability to compete in the market place.i

ask that complete deregulation requests be dismissed in favor of providing opportunity for small and large providers to coexist and independantly thrive. i benifit from the extraordinary service that my local isp (sonic) provides and do not wish for myself or any other persons in the short or long term here or anywhere else to

lose the opportunity to benefit from responsive local isps. inevitably when the little guys get squeezed out, personal service gets compromised and the "bottom line" is what the big boys service most, despite their retoric, in my opinion. thank you for considering my comments. david w. crotty

please do what you can to level the playing field so that service in the telecommunications industry is available from the small local isps and the big companies alike. let the customers have their choice based on price, quality, and service and not have their choices dictated by the big providers who control the lines

so to speak. please keep a close whatch on pricing and availability for all isp providers of dsl services and the like and keep the playing field broad and not squashed by regional giants like bell south, pacific bell, verizon, quest and the like.